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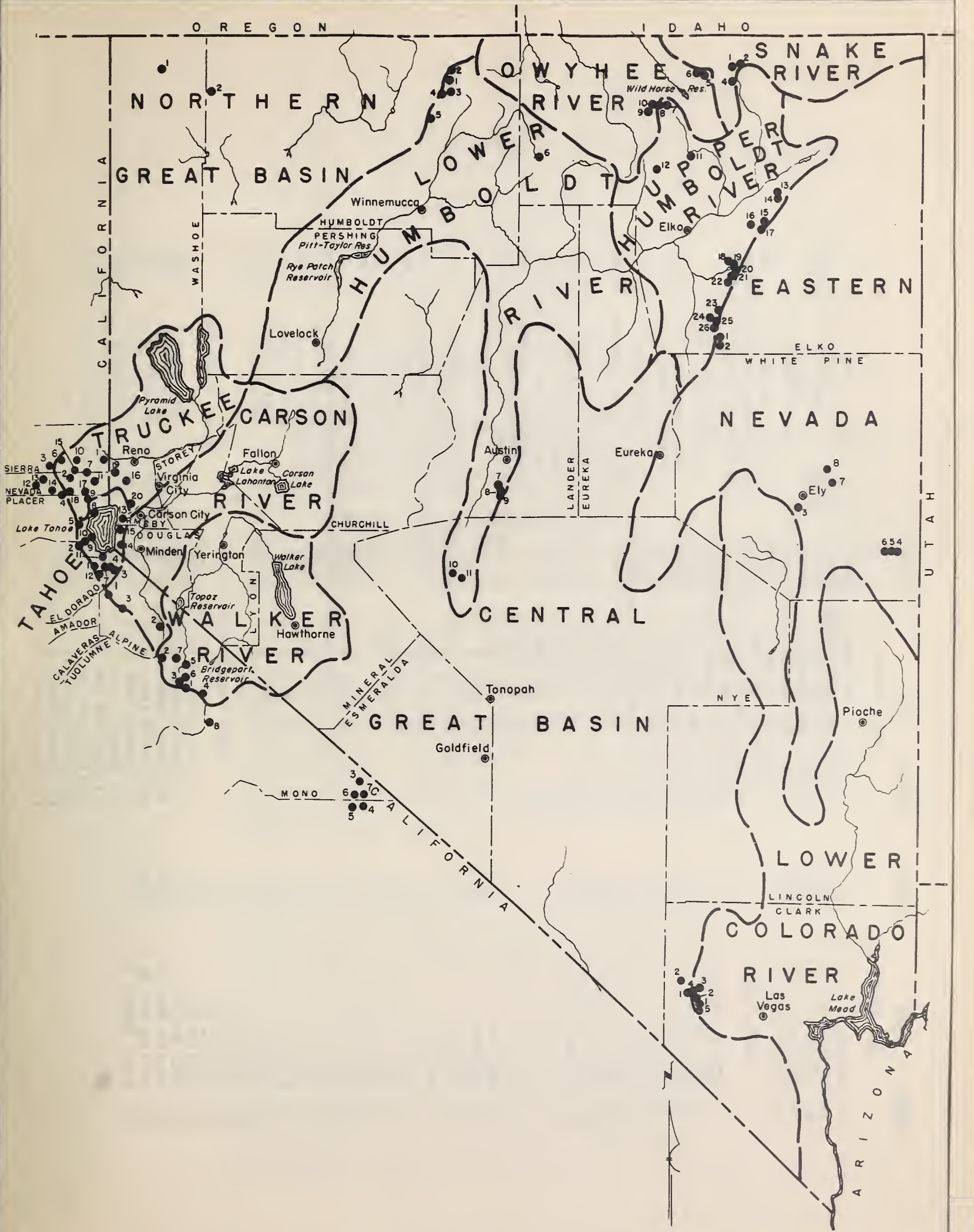
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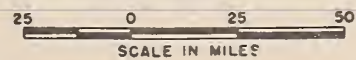
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NEVADA SNOW COURSES

October 1947



NUMBERS	NAME	ELEVATION	NUMBERS	NAME	ELEVATION
SNAKE RIVER					
1.	Bear Creek	7,800	1.	(Cal.) Granite Peak	8,200
2.	Fox Creek	6,800	2.	(Cal.) Independence Lake.	8,450
4.	76 Creek	7,100	3.	(Cal.) Webber Peak	8,000
5.	Gold Creek	6,600	4.	(Cal.) Donner Summit.	6,900
6.	Big Bend	6,700	5.	(Cal.) Ward Creek	7,000
OWYHEE RIVER					
1.	Lower Buckskin	6,700	6.	(Cal.) Webber Lake.	7,000
2.	Upper Buckskin	7,200	7.	(Cal.) Sage Hen Creek	6,500
3.	Martin Creek	6,700	8.	(Cal.) Tahoe City	6,250
4.	Granite Peak	7,800	9.	(Cal.) Truckee #2	6,400
5.	Gold Creek	6,600	10.	(Cal.) Independence Creek 6,300	
6.	Big Bend	6,700	11.	(Cal.) Boca #2	5,900
7.	Fry Canyon	6,700	12.	(Cal.) Furnace Flat	6,600
8.	Rodeo Flat	6,800	13.	(Cal.) Fordyce Lake	6,500
9.	Lower Jack Creek	6,800	14.	(Cal.) Soda Springs	6,750
10.	Upper Jack Creek	7,250	15.	(Cal.) Independence Camp. 7,000	
11.	Tremewan Ranch	5,700	16.	Mt. Rose	9,000
12.	Taylor Canyon	6,200	17.	(Cal.) Truckee Ranger Station.	6,000
UPPER HUMBOLDT RIVER					
1.	Bear Creek	7,800	18.	(Cal.) Donner Lake.	5,950
2.	Fox Creek	6,800	19.	Big Meadows.	8,800
4.	76 Creek	7,100	20.	Little Valley.	6,300
5.	Gold Creek	6,600	LOWER COLORADO RIVER		
6.	Big Bend	6,700	1.	Rainbow Canyon	7,800
7.	Fry Canyon	6,700	2.	Kyle Canyon	8,200
8.	Rodeo Flat	6,800	3.	Lee Canyon #1	8,300
9.	Lower Jack Creek	6,800	4.	Lee Canyon #2	9,000
10.	Upper Jack Creek	7,250	5.	Rainbow Canyon #2.	8,100
11.	Tremewan Ranch	5,700	EASTERN NEVADA		
12.	Taylor Canyon	6,200	1.	Cave Creek	7,000
1.	Bear Creek	7,800	2.	Hager Canyon	8,500
2.	Fox Creek	6,800	3.	Murray Summit.	7,250
4.	76 Creek	7,100	4.	Baker #1	7,950
5.	Gold Creek	6,600	5.	Baker #2	8,950
6.	Big Bend	6,700	6.	Baker #3	9,250
7.	Fry Canyon	6,700	7.	Berry Creek.	9,100
8.	Rodeo Flat	6,800	8.	Bird Creek	7,500
9.	Lower Jack Creek	6,800	LOWER HUMBOLDT RIVER		
10.	Upper Jack Creek	7,250	1.	Lower Buckskin	6,700
11.	Tremewan Ranch	5,700	2.	Upper Buckskin	7,200
12.	Taylor Canyon	6,200	3.	Martin Creek	6,700
1.	Bear Creek	7,800	4.	Granite Peak	7,800
2.	Fox Creek	6,800	5.	Lamance Creek	6,600
4.	76 Creek	7,100	6.	Midas	7,200
5.	Gold Creek	6,600	7.	Big Creek Camp Ground.	6,000
6.	Big Bend	6,700	8.	Big Creek Mine	7,000
7.	Fry Canyon	6,700	9.	Upper Big Creek.	8,000
8.	Rodeo Flat	6,800	10.	Lower Corral	7,500
9.	Lower Jack Creek	6,800	11.	Upper Corral	8,500
10.	Upper Jack Creek	7,250	CARSON BASIN		
11.	Tremewan Ranch	5,700	1.	(Cal.) Carson Pass.	8,600
12.	Taylor Canyon	6,200	2.	(Cal.) Poison Flat.	7,900
1.	Bear Creek	7,800	3.	(Cal.) Blue Lakes	8,000
2.	Fox Creek	6,800	NORTHERN GREAT BASIN		
4.	76 Creek	7,100	1.	Bald Mountain	6,720
5.	Gold Creek	6,600	2.	Mahogany Mountain	5,680
6.	Big Bend	6,700	WALKER BASIN		
7.	Fry Canyon	6,700	1.	(Cal.) Center Mountain.	9,400
8.	Rodeo Flat	6,800	2.	(Cal.) Sonora Pass.	8,800
9.	Lower Jack Creek	6,800	3.	(Cal.) Buckeye Forks.	8,500
10.	Upper Jack Creek	7,250	4.	(Cal.) Virginia Lakes	9,500
11.	Tremewan Ranch	5,700	5.	(Cal.) Willow Flat.	8,250
12.	Taylor Canyon	6,200	6.	(Cal.) Buckeye Roughs	7,900
1.	Bear Creek	7,800	7.	(Cal.) Leavitt Meadows.	7,200
2.	Fox Creek	6,800	8.	(Cal.) Tioga Pass	9,900
4.	76 Creek	7,100	TAHOE BASIN		
5.	Gold Creek	6,600	1.	(Cal.) Lake Luxille	8,400
6.	Big Bend	6,700	2.	(Cal.) Rubicon #1	8,100
7.	Fry Canyon	6,700	3.	(Cal.) Hagans Meadow.	8,000
8.	Rodeo Flat	6,800	4.	(Cal.) Freel Bench.	7,300
9.	Lower Jack Creek	6,800	5.	(Cal.) Ward Creek	7,000
10.	Upper Jack Creek	7,250	7.	(Cal.) Upper Truckee.	6,400
11.	Tremewan Ranch	5,700	8.	(Cal.) Tahoe City	6,250
12.	Taylor Canyon	6,200	9.	(Cal.) Rubicon #2	7,500
1.	Bear Creek	7,800	10.	(Cal.) Rubicon #3	6,700
2.	Fox Creek	6,800	11.	(Cal.) Kichardsons #2	6,500
4.	76 Creek	7,100	12.	(Cal.) Echo Summit.	7,500
5.	Gold Creek	6,600	13.	Marlette Lake.	8,000
6.	Big Bend	6,700	14.	Daggetts Pass.	7,350
7.	Fry Canyon	6,700	15.	Glenbrook #2	6,900
8.	Rodeo Flat	6,800	16.	Mt. Rose	9,000
9.	Lower Jack Creek	6,800	CENTRAL GREAT BASIN		
10.	Upper Jack Creek	7,250	1.	Clark Canyon	9,000
11.	Tremewan Ranch	5,700	2.	Trough Springs	8,500
12.	Taylor Canyon	6,200	3.	(Cal.) McAfee Forks	7,500
1.	Bear Creek	7,800	4.	(Cal.) Roberts Ranch.	8,300
2.	Fox Creek	6,800	5.	(Cal.) Goat Springs	10,300
4.	76 Creek	7,100	6.	(Cal.) Sage Hen Flats	10,500
5.	Gold Creek	6,600	7.	(Cal.) Ranger Station	9,500
6.	Big Bend	6,700	CENTRAL GREAT BASIN		
7.	Fry Canyon	6,700	1.	Clark Canyon	9,000
8.	Rodeo Flat	6,800	2.	Trough Springs	8,500
9.	Lower Jack Creek	6,800	3.	(Cal.) McAfee Forks	7,500
10.	Upper Jack Creek	7,250	4.	(Cal.) Roberts Ranch.	8,300
11.	Tremewan Ranch	5,700	5.	(Cal.) Goat Springs	10,300
12.	Taylor Canyon	6,200	6.	(Cal.) Sage Hen Flats	10,500
1.	Bear Creek	7,800	7.	(Cal.) Ranger Station	9,500
2.	Fox Creek	6,800	CENTRAL GREAT BASIN		
4.	76 Creek	7,100	1.	Clark Canyon	9,000
5.	Gold Creek	6,600	2.	Trough Springs	8,500
6.	Big Bend	6,700	3.	(Cal.) McAfee Forks	7,500
7.	Fry Canyon	6,700	4.	(Cal.) Roberts Ranch.	8,300
8.	Rodeo Flat	6,800	5.	(Cal.) Goat Springs	10,300
9.	Lower Jack Creek	6,800	6.	(Cal.) Sage Hen Flats	10,500
10.	Upper Jack Creek	7,250	7.	(Cal.) Ranger Station	9,500
11.	Tremewan Ranch	5,700	CENTRAL GREAT BASIN		
12.	Taylor Canyon	6,200	1.	Clark Canyon	9,000
1.	Bear Creek	7,800	2.	Trough Springs	8,500
2.	Fox Creek	6,800	3.	(Cal.) McAfee Forks	7,500
4.	76 Creek	7,100	4.	(Cal.) Roberts Ranch.	8,300
5.	Gold Creek	6,600	5.	(Cal.) Goat Springs	10,300
6.	Big Bend	6,700	6.	(Cal.) Sage Hen Flats	10,500
7.	Fry Canyon	6,700	7.	(Cal.) Ranger Station	9,500
8.	Rodeo Flat	6,800	CENTRAL GREAT BASIN		
9.	Lower Jack Creek	6,800	1.	Clark Canyon	9,000
10.	Upper Jack Creek	7,250	2.	Trough Springs	8,500
11.	Tremewan Ranch	5,700	3.	(Cal.) McAfee Forks	7,500
12.	Taylor Canyon	6,200	4.	(Cal.) Roberts Ranch.	8,300
1.	Bear Creek	7,800	5.	(Cal.) Goat Springs	10,300
2.	Fox Creek	6,800	6.	(Cal.) Sage Hen Flats	10,500
4.	76 Creek	7,100	7.	(Cal.) Ranger Station	9,500
5.	Gold Creek	6,600	CENTRAL GREAT BASIN		
6.	Big Bend	6,700	1.	Clark Canyon	9,000
7.	Fry Canyon	6,700	2.	Trough Springs	8,500
8.	Rodeo Flat	6,800	3.	(Cal.) McAfee Forks	7,500
9.	Lower Jack Creek	6,800	4.	(Cal.) Roberts Ranch.	8,300
10.	Upper Jack Creek	7,250	5.	(Cal.) Goat Springs	10,300
11.	Tremewan Ranch	5,700	6.	(Cal.) Sage Hen Flats	10,500
12.	Taylor Canyon	6,200	7.	(Cal.) Ranger Station	9,500
1.	Bear Creek	7,800	CENTRAL GREAT BASIN		
2.	Fox Creek	6,800	1.	Clark Canyon	9,000
4.	76 Creek	7,100	2.	Trough Springs	8,500
5.	Gold Creek	6,600	3.	(Cal.) McAfee Forks	7,500
6.	Big Bend	6,700	4.	(Cal.) Roberts Ranch.	8,300
7.	Fry Canyon	6,700	5.	(Cal.) Goat Springs	10,300
8.	Rodeo Flat	6,800	6.	(Cal.) Sage Hen Flats	10,500
9.	Lower Jack Creek	6,800	7.	(Cal.) Ranger Station	9,500
10.	Upper Jack Creek	7,250	CENTRAL GREAT BASIN		
11.	Tremewan Ranch	5,700	1.	Clark Canyon	9,000
12.	Taylor Canyon	6,200	2.	Trough Springs	8,500
1.	Bear Creek	7,800	3.	(Cal.) McAfee Forks	7,500
2.	Fox Creek	6,800	4.	(Cal.) Roberts Ranch.	8,300
4.	76 Creek	7,100	5.	(Cal.) Goat Springs	10,300
5.	Gold Creek	6,600	6.	(Cal.) Sage Hen Flats	10,500
6.	Big Bend	6,700	7.	(Cal.) Ranger Station	9,500
7.	Fry Canyon	6,700	CENTRAL GREAT BASIN		
8.	Rodeo Flat	6,800	1.	Clark Canyon	9,000
9.	Lower Jack Creek	6,800	2.	Trough Springs	8,500
10.	Upper Jack Creek	7,250	3.	(Cal.) McAfee Forks	7,500
11.	Tremewan Ranch	5,700	4.	(Cal.) Roberts Ranch.	8,300
12.	Taylor Canyon	6,200	5.	(Cal.) Goat Springs	10,300
1.	Bear Creek	7,800	6.	(Cal.) Sage Hen Flats	10,500
2.	Fox Creek	6,800	7.	(Cal.) Ranger Station	9,500
4.	76 Creek	7,100	CENTRAL GREAT BASIN		
5.	Gold Creek	6,600	1.	Clark Canyon	9,000
6.	Big Bend	6,700	2.	Trough Springs	8,500
7.	Fry Canyon	6,700	3.	(Cal.) McAfee Forks	7,500
8.	Rodeo Flat	6,800	4.	(Cal.) Roberts Ranch.	8,300
9.	Lower Jack Creek	6,800	5.	(Cal.) Goat Springs	10,300
10.	Upper Jack Creek	7,250	6.	(Cal.) Sage Hen Flats	10,500
11.	Tremewan Ranch	5,700	7.	(Cal.) Ranger Station	9,500
12.	Taylor Canyon	6,200	CENTRAL GREAT BASIN		
1.	Bear Creek	7,800	1.	Clark Canyon	9,000
2.	Fox Creek	6,800	2.	Trough Springs	8,500
4.	76 Creek	7,100	3.	(Cal.) McAfee Forks	7,500
5.	Gold Creek	6,600	4.	(Cal.) Roberts Ranch.	8,300
6.	Big Bend	6,700	5.	(Cal.) Goat Springs	10,300
7.	Fry Canyon	6,700	6.	(Cal.) Sage Hen Flats	10,500
8.	Rodeo Flat	6,800	7.	(Cal.) Ranger Station	9,500
9.	Lower Jack Creek	6,800	CENTRAL GREAT BASIN		
10.	Upper Jack Creek	7,250	1.	Clark Canyon	9,000
11.	Tremewan Ranch	5,700	2.	Trough Springs	8,500
12.	Taylor Canyon	6,200	3.	(Cal.) McAfee Forks	7,500
1.	Bear Creek	7,800	4.	(Cal.) Roberts Ranch.	8,300
2.	Fox Creek	6,8			

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

NEVADA

April 1, 1948

* * * * *
* Irrigation season water supplies *
* will be short throughout the *
* main irrigated valleys of Nevada. *
* Runoff will range from 25 to 50 *
* percent of normal from the Sierra *
* and from normal to 60 percent *
* from the headwaters and main stem *
* of the Humboldt. *
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Snow stored water on the Sierra is in general less than 50 percent of normal. A near normal snow pack on the headwaters of the Humboldt is realized by the 50 percent increase in snowfall during March.

Total precipitation since October 1 is below average in practically all irrigated valleys of the State.

Groundwater levels are down in the major irrigated valleys. This shortage will be replenished by surface runoff with a resultant decrease in available surface water.

Reservoir storage is poor with the total storage on April 1 about 45 percent of last year, 60 percent of the 1937-46 average, and 55 percent of the usable capacity. Lake Mead contains about 115 percent of last years storage on this date.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS APRIL 1, 1948

Basin and Stream	April-July, inclusive Streamflow Thousands Acre Ft.				
	Forecast 1948	Measured Run-Off			10-yr. Avg. 1937 - 1946
		1947	1946	1945	
Owyhee River at Mountain City, Nevada ¹	60	40	66	109	69
Lamoille Creek near Lamoille, Nevada	32	26	25	37	28
South Fork Humboldt River near Elko, Nevada	75	44	90	167	88
Humboldt River at Palisade, Nevada	150	95	256	486	252
Martin Creek near Paradise, Nevada	10	7	14	23	17
West Carson River at Woodfords, Calif.	30	35	55	59	59 ^a
East Carson River near Gardnerville, Nev.	95	123	178	234	205 ^a
Carson River near Carson City, Nevada	70	93	172	233	204 ^a
Carson River at Fort Churchill, Nevada	68	79	153	210	195
West Walker River near Coleville, California	85	104	149	191	170
East Walker River near Bridgeport, Calif. ²	20	31	56	96	82
Truckee River at Farad, California ³	115	127	268	250	283
Lake Tahoe ⁴	361	611	737	646	666

a. For period 1940 through 1946

1. Corrected for storage in Wildhorse Reservoir

2. For period April through August corrected for storage in
Bridgeport Reservoir

3. Exclusive of Tahoe and corrected for storage in Donner, Independence
and Boca Reservoirs

4. Maximum storage with gates closed

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS APRIL 1, 1948

Snake River Basin in Nevada

Snow stored water on the headwaters of Salmon Falls and Bruneau River is about normal and about double that available at the same date last year. The forecast flow for Owyhee River at Mountain City during the period April through July is 60,000 acre-feet or nearly 90 percent of the 1937-46 average. Wildhorse reservoir with a capacity of 33,000 acre-feet contained only 6,000 acre-feet on April 1.

Upper Humboldt Basin

Snow stored water on the headwaters of Marys River, North Fork, Susie, and Maggie Creeks is about normal and twice the amount available last year at this date.

Headwaters of the southern feeders from Trout Creek to Lamoille Creek contain about normal snow pack. The forecast for April-July flow of Lamoille Creek as measured near Lamoille is 32,000 acre-feet or about 115 percent of the 1937-46 average. South Fork of Humboldt is forecast at 75,000 acre-feet from April through July or about 85 percent of the 1937-46 average, as measured near Elko. The remaining southern feeders have a snow pack slightly less than normal.

The forecast of the flow of Humboldt River at Palisade is about 150,000 acre-feet or 158 percent of last year and 60 percent of the 1937-46 average.

Lower Humboldt Basin

Snow stored water on the headwaters of Little Humboldt have been markedly improved during March. The forecast flow for Martin Creek near Paradise during April through July is 10,000 acre-feet or about 60 percent of the 1937-46 average.

Snow pack in the Reese River area is about 130 percent of normal on this date and greatly improved over last years low.

Pershing County Water Conservation Districts stored water in Pitt-Taylor and Rye Patch reservoirs on April 1 was 120,000 acre-feet which is only 57 percent of last year and 60 percent of the 1937-46 average.

Eastern Nevada

Snow stored water in the mountains overlooking Ruby and Steptoe Valleys is about normal, while the Snake Range contains slightly less than normal snow pack.

Central Great Basin

Snow on the Toiyabe range west of Big Smoky Valley is greater than normal. White mountains west of Fish Lake Valley contain a light snow cover which is below normal.

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Lower Colorado River

The snow pack in the Mt. Charleston area near Las Vegas has improved during March and as of April 1 it was about 90 percent of the eight year average and double that of last year.

Lake Mead contained 18,620,000 acre-feet of usable storage which was about 115 percent of that stored last year and 94 percent of the 1939-46 average.

Tahoe Basin

April 1 storage in Tahoe was about 268,000 acre-feet. Snow stored water on the watershed indicates that the maximum to expect this summer with gates closed is about 361,000 acre-feet. This is 59 percent of last year and 54 percent of the 1937-46 average. With subnormal precipitation during the summer months this figure will drop to about 356,000 acre-feet.

Truckee Basin

The April-July forecast for Truckee River measured at Farad is 115,000 acre-feet or 91 and 41 percent of last year and the 1937-46 average respectively. With deficient summer precipitation the flow may be 93,000 acre-feet.

Carson Basin

Carson River near Fort Churchill is forecast to flow 68,000 acre-feet during April-July or 86 and 35 percent of last year and the 1937-46 average respectively. Flow at Carson City is forecast at 70,000 acre-feet which is 75 and 34 percent of last year and the 1940-46 average.

April through July flow of East Carson River near Gardnerville is forecast as 95,000 acre-feet which is 77 and 46 percent of last year and the 1940-46 average.

April through July flow of West Carson at Woodfords is forecast as 30,000 acre-feet which is 86 and 51 percent of last year and the 1940-46 average.

Lahontan Reservoir stored 189,000 acre-feet on April 1. This is 77 percent of last year and the 1937-46 average, but only 66 percent of capacity.

Walker Basin

West Walker River near Coleville is forecast to flow 85,000 acre-feet during April through July. This is 82 percent of last year and 50 percent of the 1937-46 average. Topaz reservoir contained 25,000 acre-feet on April 1, which is 48 and 53 percent of last year and 1937-46 average respectively but only 42 percent of capacity.

April through August flow of East Walker River near Bridgeport is forecast as 20,000 acre-feet, which is 65 and 24 percent of last year and the 1937-46 average. Bridgeport reservoir stored 24,000 acre-feet on April 1. This is 49 and 62 percent of last year and the 1937-46 average.

STATUS OF RESERVOIR STORAGE, APRIL 1, 1948

BASIN and STREAM	RESERVOIR	USABLE	THOUSANDS ACRE FEET IN STORAGE ABOUT APR. 1				
		CAPACITY (THOUS. A.F.)	1948	1947	1946	1945	10-yr. avg. 1937-1946
Owyhee	Wildhorse	33	6	19	24	14	14 ^a
Lower Humboldt	Pitt Taylor	27	0	23	19	17	20 ^b
Lower Humboldt	Rye Patch	178	120	186	187	178	178 ^c
Tahoe	Tahoe	750	268	534	589	452	477
Carson	Lahontan	286	189	246	250	270	244
West Walker	Topaz	59	25	52	55	49	47
East Walker	Bridgeport	42	24	44	43	44	39
Colorado	Mead	27,935	18,620	16,383	17,776	18,029	19,807 ^d

a - Average for years 1940-1946

b - Average for years 1937-1941

c - Average for years 1943-1946

d - Average for years 1939-1946

VALLEY PRECIPITATION¹

Division	Current Year		Last Year	
	<u>Oct. 1, 1947 - Apr. 1, 1948</u>		<u>Oct. 1, 1946 - Apr. 1, 1947</u>	
	P	D	P	D
Owyhee	8.42	+1.78	8.52	+1.88
Upper Humboldt	4.13	-1.97	7.04	+ .94
Lower Humboldt	4.82	- .46	5.82	+ .54
Eastern Nevada	3.07	-2.42	4.36	-1.13
Lower Colorado	2.67	+ .38	1.95	- .34
Central Great Basin	2.31	- .12	5.31	+2.88
Northern Great Basin	1.96	-1.09	2.97	- .08
Truckee	0.62	-4.89	3.73	-1.78
Carson	0.77	-2.11	2.94	+ .06
Walker	1.14	-1.48	3.84	+1.22

P= Inches Precipitation

D= Inches Departure from Normal

1= Data furnished by U.S. Weather Bureau

NEVADA SNOW SURVEYS APRIL 1, 1948

DRAINAGE BASIN and SNOW COURSE		LOCATION		SNOW COVER MEASUREMENTS									
				Water Content (inches)			Past Record Years of Record	Av. Water Content (inches)					
				1948	1947	1946							
		Number	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	Elev.	Date of Survey	Snow Depth (inches)	1948	1947	1946		
SNAKE RIVER													
Bear Creek*	1	31	46N	58E	7800	4/2		61.6	20.0	15.0	22.0	6	19.2
Fox Creek	2	33	46N	58E	6800	4/2		26.7	7.6	2.8	8.6	12	8.0
76 Creek	4	6	44N	58E	7100	4/3		39.9	11.3	6.7	15.2	3	9.8
Gold Creek	5	31	45N	56E	6600	4/4		16.3	5.8	0	5.5	9	5.8
Big Bend	6	30	45N	56E	6700	4/4		28.4	8.3	3.6	10.9	14	9.5
OWYHEE RIVER													
Lower Buckskin*	1	25	45N	39E	6700	4/2		30.2	10.2	0	6.6	8	7.5
Upper Buckskin*	2	11	45N	39E	7200	4/3		30.6	10.4	1.4	9.1	13	11.1
Martin Creek	3	18	44N	40E	6700	4/1		28.1	9.7	1.1	7.8	8	7.7
Granite Peak	4	22	44N	39E	7800	4/1		32.9	9.7	7.2	16.6	8	12.1
Gold Creek	5	31	45N	56E	6600	4/4		16.3	5.8	0	5.5	9	5.8
Big Bend	6	30	45N	56E	6700	4/4		28.4	8.3	3.6	10.9	14	9.5
Fry Canyon	7	31	43N	54E	6700	4/5		23.2	7.9	4.4	9.7	8	8.5
Rodeo Flat	8	36	43N	53E	6800	4/5		27.0	9.1	4.2	11.2	8	9.3
Lower Jack Creek	9	18	42N	53E	6800	4/3		14.2	4.7	0	3.1	9	2.7
Upper Jack Creek*	10	9	42N	53E	7250	4/3		37.1	11.6	4.2	12.6	8	10.1
Tremewan Ranch	11	9	39N	55E	5700	4/1		0	0	0	0	7	0.1
Taylor Canyon*	12	35	39N	53E	6200	4/3		2.5	0.5	0	4.3	8	3.3

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UPPER HUMBOLDT															
Bear Creek*	1	31	46N	58E	7800	4/2	61.6	20.0	15.0	22.0	6	19.2			
Fox Creek	2	33	46N	58E	6800	4/2	26.7	7.6	2.8	8.6	12	8.0			
76 Creek	4	6	44N	58E	7100	4/3	39.9	11.3	6.7	15.2	3	9.8			
Gold Creek	5	31	45N	56E	6600	4/4	16.3	5.8	0	5.5	9	5.8			
Big Bend	6	30	45N	56E	6700	4/4	28.4	8.3	3.6	10.9	14	9.5			
Fry Canyon	7	31	43N	54E	6700	4/5	23.2	7.9	4.4	9.7	8	8.5			
Rodeo Flat	8	36	43N	53E	6800	4/5	27.0	9.1	4.2	11.2	8	9.3			
Lower Jack Creek	9	18	42N	53E	6800	4/3	14.2	4.7	0	3.1	9	2.7			
Upper Jack Creek*	10	9	42N	53E	7250	4/3	37.1	11.6	4.2	12.6	8	10.1			
Tremewan Ranch	11	9	39N	55E	5700	4/1	0	0	0	0	7	0.1			
Taylor Canyon*	12	35	39N	53E	6200	4/3	2.5	0.5	0	4.3	8	3.3			
Lower Trout Creek*	13	28	37N	61E	6900		No Survey		0	5.8	3	1.9			
Upper Trout Creek	14	4	36N	61E	8500		No Survey		21.5	41.0	3	30.2			
Dorsey Basin*	15	27	35N	60E	8100	4/1	40.7	11.9	6.4	21.6	7	16.1			
Ryan Ranch*	16	1	34N	59E	5800	3/31	0	0	0	0	7	0.6			
Dry Creek*	17	5	34N	60E	6500	3/31	4.8	1.8	0	4.2	7	3.9			
Lamoille #1	18	15	32N	58E	7100	4/1	32.0	11.2	4.0	12.4	14	9.8			
Lamoille #2	19	14	32N	58E	7300	4/2	37.3	12.1	2.9	13.6	16	10.3			
Lamoille #3	20	24	32N	58E	7700	4/2	43.2	15.2	7.0	17.5	14	13.8			
Lamoille #4	21	19	32N	59E	8000	4/2	60.8	20.7	13.5	25.7	8	19.1			
Lamoille #5	22	31	32N	59E	8700	4/2	71.4	24.4	23.6	37.0	11	26.8			
Green Mountain	23	23	29N	57E	8000	3/31	46.7	14.1	4.4	15.1	7	14.0			
Harrison Pass #1	24	10	28N	57E	6600	3/28	16.0	5.5	0	2.5	11	6.3			
Harrison Pass #2	25	16	28N	57E	7400	3/28	21.7	7.1	0	4.7	7	4.8			
Corral Canyon	26	27	28N	57E	8500	3/29	57.6	17.5	14.8	20.3	7	19.5			

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		Water Content (inches)			Past Record		Av. Water Content (inches)			
		1948	1947	1946	Years of Record					
DRAINAGE BASIN And SNOW COURSE		Number	Sec. Twp. Rge. Elev.	Date of Survey	Snow Depth (inches)	1948	1947	1946	Years of Record	Av. Water Content (inches)
LOWER HUMBOLDT										
	Lower Buckskin*	1	25 45N 39E 6700	4/2	30.2	10.2	0	6.6	8	7.5
	Upper Buckskin*	2	11 45N 39E 7200	4/3	30.6	10.4	1.4	9.1	13	11.1
	Martin Creek	3	18 44N 40E 6700	4/1	28.1	9.7	1.1	7.8	8	7.7
	Granite Peak	4	22 44N 39E 7600	4/1	32.9	9.7	7.2	16.6	8	12.1
	Lamance Creek	5	13 42N 38E 6600	4/4	16.3	5.3	0	9.4	4	5.9
	Midas	6	18 39N 46E 7200	4/1	2.6	1.4	0	1.2	8	2.0
	Big Creek Camp Ground	7	10 17N 42E 6000	3/28	10.6	3.5	0	1.9	7	2.0
	Big Creek Mine	8	23 17N 43E 7000	3/26	18.9	5.1	0	7.1	7	3.9
	Upper Big Creek	9	26 17N 43E 8000	3/26	38.8	10.5	6.2	16.1	7	9.7
	Lower Corral	10	12 11N 40E 7500	3/25	14.4	3.9	0	3.3	7	2.1
	Upper Corral	11	20 11N 41E 8500	3/25	33.0	8.7	0	9.2	7	6.0
EASTERN NEVADA										
	Cave Creek	1	25 27N 57E 7000	4/1	38.3	14.5	6.8	15.9	8	13.4
	Hager Canyon	2	34 27N 57E 8500	4/1	53.0	18.0	11.9	22.0	8	18.8
	Murray Summit*	3	25 18N 62E 7250	3/29	17.0	4.2	0	3.0	11	3.1
	Baker #1	4	29 13N 69E 7950	3/26	31.8	8.9	2.1	5.3	7	6.0
	Baker #2	5	30 13N 69E 8950	3/26	57.9	14.4	19.8	14.5	7	18.0
	Baker #3	6	25 13N 68E 9250	3/26	64.3	17.0	22.4	15.1	7	20.2
	Berry Creek	7	26 17N 65E 9100	3/29	51.4	14.2		New Snow Course		
	Bird Creek	8	34 19N 65E 7500	3/29	23.5	6.8		New Snow Course		

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LOWER COLORADO												
Rainbow Canyon	1	31	19S	57E	7800	3/28	38.1	12.6	6.4	7.7	8	12.7
Kyle Canyon	2	26	19S	56E	8200	3/27	32.7	10.5	2.8	8.3	7	11.2
Lee Canyon #1	3	10	19S	56E	8300	3/28	28.2	9.4	4.8	7.7	8	10.0
Lee Canyon #2	4	9	19S	56E	9000	3/29	31.5	8.0	5.2	9.7	7	11.7
Rainbow Canyon #2	5	6	20S	57E	8100	3/28	48.8	14.8	12.3	New Course	2	13.6
CENTRAL GREAT BASIN												
Clark Canyon	1	8	19S	56E	9000	3/29	27.7	8.1	5.2	8.3	4	9.0
Trough Springs	2	23	18S	55E	8500	3/30	21.0	7.2	1.6	6.8	3	5.2
McAfee Forks (Cal)	3	1	4S	34E	7500	4/3	0	0	New Snow Course			
Roberts Ranch (Cal)	4	11	6S	35E	8300	3/27	0	0	No Survey	2.1	2	1.1
Goat Springs (Cal)	5	13	6S	34E	10300	3/27	0	0	"	5.4	2	2.7
Sage Hen Flats (Cal)	6	29	5S	35E	10500	3/27	6.8	1.8	"	5.5	2	3.7
Ranger Station (Cal)	7	14	5S	35E	9500	3/27	3.1	0.9	"	2.5	2	1.8
NORTHERN GREAT BASIN												
Bald Mountain	1	17	45N	21E	6720	4/1	6.8	2.2	0	0	9	2.3

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TAHOE												
Lake Lucille (Cal)	1	28	12N	17E	8400	4/1	128.0	43.8	49.3	66.2	35	56.2
Rubicon #1 (Cal)	2	6	13N	17E	8100	3/28	109.5	26.1	41.8	49.9	31	45.0
Hagans Meadow (Cal)	3	36	12N	18E	8000	3/30	30.2	10.1	13.6	16.1	29	17.1
Freel Bench (Cal)	4	36	12N	18E	7300	3/30	19.4	6.7	4.6	5.6	19	9.9
Ward Creek (Cal)	5	21	15N	16E	7000	3/27	94.0	30.9	37.8	54.3	34	43.8
Upper Truckee (Cal)	7	21	12N	18E	6400	4/2	8.5	2.8	0.6	1.8	19	6.4
Tahoe City (Cal)	8	6	15N	17E	6250	3/29	19.7	5.5	0	14.7	38	12.8
Rubicon #2 (Cal)	9	6	13N	17E	7500	3/28	63.8	18.1	25.9	38.3	28	28.4
Rubicon #3 (Cal)	10	32	14N	17E	6700	3/28	48.5	12.4	13.1	28.3	9	20.0
Richardsons #2 (Cal)	11	6	12N	18E	6500	3/31	27.7	9.8	7.2	18.1	5	13.5
Echo Summit (Cal)	12	6	11N	18E	7500	3/31	71.7	27.2	30.1	50.9	9	38.5
Marlette Lake	13	13	15N	18E	8000	4/2	36.7	12.6	20.5	31.8	32	23.1
Daggetts Pass	14	19	13N	19E	7350	3/31	21.6	6.7	7.6	11.7	32	12.7
Glenbrook #2	15	13	14N	18E	6900	4/2	26.5	8.0	10.0	18.8	7	14.2
Mt. Rose	16	7	17N	19E	9000	4/1	43.5	13.5	28.9	35.0	39	31.1
TRUCKEE												
Granite Peak (Cal)	1	24	19N	17E	8200	No Survey	No Survey		17.2	No Survey	24	18.9
Independence Lake (Cal)	2	9	18N	15E	8450	4/3	79.0	24.8	31.7	49.0	12	42.0
Webber Peak (Cal)	3	30	19N	14E	8000	4/3	100.7	30.0	34.2	45.8	27	40.1
Donner Summit (Cal)	4	25	17N	14E	6900	3/29	78.5	24.8	29.1	47.2	38	38.9
Ward Creek (Cal)	5	21	15N	16E	7000	3/27	94.0	30.9	37.8	54.3	34	43.8
Webber Lake (Cal)	6	20	19N	14E	7000	4/3	67.8	19.5	25.3	39.7	24	29.2

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DRAINAGE BASIN and SNOW COURSE													
TRUCKEE (Cont.)													
Sage Hen Creek (Cal)	7	7	18N	16E	6500	3/30	20.2	6.4	9.7	22.0	12	17.6	
Tahoe City (Cal)	8	6	15N	17E	6250	3/29	18.7	5.5	0	14.7	38	12.8	
Truckee #2 (Cal)	9	22	17N	16E	6400	3/27	27.1	7.4	6.8	19.2	19	14.3	
Independence Creek (Cal)	10	14	19N	15E	6300	3/30	12.4	4.2	4.4	16.0	12	12.7	
Boca #2 (Cal)	11	28	18N	17E	5900	No Survey			0	4.7	15	5.0	
Furnace Flat (Cal)	12	10	17N	13E	6600	3/31	86.6	28.7	28.6	58.0	29	43.8	
Fordyce Lake (Cal)	13	34	18N	13E	6500	4/1	63.2	23.0	20.7	49.0	30	37.8	
Soda Springs (Cal)	14	23	17N	14E	6750	3/29	62.9	19.5	23.1	41.4	20	34.3	
Independence Camp (Cal)	15	34	19N	15E	7000	4/2	30.8	12.1	12.7	29.6	8	20.6	
Mt. Rose	16	7	17N	19E	9000	4/1	43.5	13.5	28.9	35.0	39	31.1	
Truckee Ranger Sta. (Cal)	17	10	17N	16E	6000	3/28	21.7	6.5	0	11.9	4	7.5	
Donner Lake (Cal)	18	14	17N	15E	5950	3/28	40.3	12.0	8.8	28.3	5	18.8	
Big Meadows	19	15	18N	18E	8800	4/7	43.0	16.7	16.4	25.0	26	23.3	
Little Valley	20	17	16N	19E	6300	3/26	17.1	2.6	0.3	9.3	7	8.2	
CARSON													
Carson Pass (Cal)	1	22	10N	18E	8600	No Report			30.5	33.9	18	36.9	
Poison Flat (Cal)	2	25	8N	21E	7900	3/29	30.3	8.3	9.4	10.8	7	13.8	
Blue Lakes (Cal)	3	30	9N	19E	8000	3/31	80.8	25.0	30.1	40.6	30	35.2	

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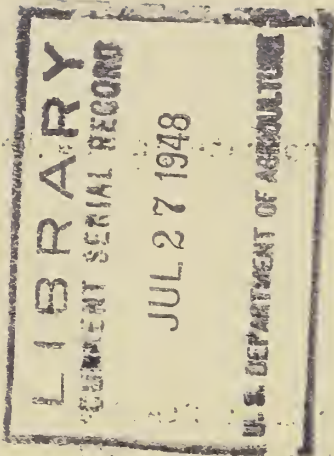
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